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12 more counties added to Northern Indiana disaster declaration

INDIANAPOLIS (February 21, 2008) -- Governor Mitch Daniels has received word that President George W. Bush has approved disaster assistance for 12 additional Northern Indiana counties affected by flooding that began January 7.

Counties added are Allen, Benton, Dekalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, Lake, Laporte, Newton, Noble, St. Joseph, Starke and Whitley.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

Other counties also eligible for federal assistance include Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Marshall, Pulaski, Tippecanoe and White. They were determined eligible for federal assistance January 31.

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